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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Hon. Kenneth L. Salazar
Secretary of Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

DOCKET	
07-AFC-5	
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Re: Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System
(07-AFC-5; CEC-700-2008-013-FSA/DEIS DES-09-46)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger and Secretary Salazar,

We are writing to express our strong support for the development of large-scale solar power generation in the United States, including BrightSource Energy's Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System.

We believe that large-scale solar technologies provide one of our best hopes for solving the problem of global climate change. However, to meet this potential, we need to scale up the use of this technology as soon as possible. Approval of the Ivanpah project, which would nearly double our nation's solar thermal energy output, would represent a major step toward the realization of this goal.

We understand that the review process is still ongoing, and encourage all the stakeholders to work together to ensure that the overall environmental impact of the project is positive, including the development of robust mitigation measures.

With these mitigation measures in place, we would strongly encourage the California Energy Commission and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to approve this crucially important project, as part of the larger effort to address the threat of global climate change and transition our country towards a cleaner, more prosperous future.

Sincerely,

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